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DEPARTMENT PASS AGRICLTURE FOR RANSOM AND CREECH

E.O. 11652:N/A

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SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR NIPPON BONSAI ASSOCIATION'S  
BICENTENNIAL GIFT OF 50 HEIRLOOM BONSAI

REF: (A) TOKYO 3160; (B) USDAO TOKYO 0060 SEC DEF;  
(C) SEC DEF 7018, 3/8/75

1. REF. B WAS INITIAL REQUEST FROM DEFENSE ATTACHE FOR DOD  
APPROVAL.

2. REF. C INDICATES NEED FOR ADDITIONAL JUSTIFICATION TO SECURE  
DOD APPROVAL OF TRANSPORTATION FOR GIFT OF HEIRLOOM BONSAI FROM  
JAPAN TO PEOPLE OF U.S. FOR BICENTENNIAL. REQUEST YOU CONTACT  
APPROPRIATE OFFICE DOD TO CONVINCE THEM REGARDING SPECIAL NATURE  
OF THIS GIFT, E.G., SPECIAL QUARANTINE ARRANGEMENTS NECESSITATING  
MILITARY AIRCRAFT PAVILION AT NATIONAL ARBORETUM SPECIFICALLY  
DESIGNED TO HAVE BONSAI FOR PUBLIC DISPLAY ALREADY APPROVED;  
AND PLANS FOR EMPEROR TO MAKE SYMBOLIC PRESENTATION TO PRESIDENT  
DURING OCTOBER VISIT. DOD ALSO RAISED QUESTION OF FUNDING,  
PRESUMABLY FOR CARGO SPACE UTILIZED. CONTACT AT DOD IS ASST SEC  
OF DEF FOR INSTALLATION AND LOGISTICS.

3. AMBASSADOR HAS KEEN PERSONAL INTEREST IN THIS MATTER  
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BECAUSE OF SYMBOLIC SIGNIFICANCE FOR FURTHER ENHANCING CLOSE

TIES OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES. PREVIOUS SUCH  
GIFT OF CHERRY TREES IN EARLY 1900S PROVIDES VIVID EXAMPLE OF  
POTENTIAL. AMBASSADOR SCHEDULED TO RECEIVE PLANTS ON BEHALF OF  
U.S. PEOPLES HERE IN TOKYO AT LARGE PRESENTATION CEREMONY MARCH  
20,JUST PRIOR TO SUBSEQUENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON. PLANTS NEED  
TO BE SHIPPED SHORTLY THEREAFTER TO UNDERGO SPECIAL U.S. PLANT  
QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS IN TIME TO GO ON DISPLAY TO THE PUBLIC  
IN JULY 1976.

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